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A public meeting of the Arizona Game and Fish Commission will be held on January 16-17, 2009, and as authorized by A.R.S. § 17-201(D), the Commission will discuss and may vote to take action on the following matters:

Friday, January 16, 2009, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Arizona Game and Fish Department 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086.

Meeting begins at 8:00 a.m.

1. Executive Session

- a. Litigation and Legal Counsel.** The Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session in accordance with A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for the purpose of discussing and consulting with legal counsel in order to consider its position and to instruct legal counsel regarding the Commission's position concerning *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Wilderness Watch v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service CV-07-1185; Pruett v. Shroufe, 2:07-cv-01744-NVW; Turner notice of claim; Honie notice of claim; Anderson v. Arizona Game and Fish Department, et. al.*
- b. Personnel Matters.** The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, including the Director's goals and objectives pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(A)(1). The Commission may decide this matter in the public session or defer a decision to a later date.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards and Recognition.

- 2. Litigation Report.** The Department's legal counsel may report on the status of the litigation matters: *In re General Stream Adjudication for the Little Colorado River and Gila River; Wilderness Watch vs. U.S. Fish; Wildlife Service CV-07-1185; and Pruett vs. Shroufe, 2:07-cv-01744-NVW.* The Commission may vote to take action on any case.
- 3. Presenter: Anthony Guiles, Legislative Liaison. State and Federal Legislation.** The Commission will be briefed on the status of State and Federal legislation. The Commission may vote to take a position or provide direction to the Department for coordination, action, or proposed changes to legislation or other elective issues related to Department responsibilities.

4. **Presenter: Jay Cook, Education Branch Chief, Information and Education Division. Statewide Shooting Range Briefing.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities related to shooting range support and development statewide. The update covers activities that have occurred since the December 2008 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
5. **Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director, Information and Education Division. Information and Education Activities Briefing.** The Commission will be given an update of Department activities and events related to Information and Education Programs. The update covers activities and events that have occurred since the December 2008 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
6. **Presenter: Ty Gray, Assistant Director, Information and Education Division. Naming Process for BASF Hills.** The Commission will be given a presentation on the process required to legally name the hills on the Ben Avery Shooting Facility as a topographical feature. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
7. **Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. An Update on Current Issues, Planning Efforts, and Proposed Projects on All Lands in Arizona and Other Matters Related Thereto.** The Commission will be briefed on the latest developments relating to the implementation of land and resource management plans and projects on private, state and federal lands in Arizona and other matters related thereto. The update addresses decisions or activities since the December 2008 Commission meeting. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the update.
8. **Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. A Presentation to the Commission on potential future mechanisms for incorporating wildlife habitat protection measures into local and state land use planning processes.** The Commission will be briefed on potential future mechanisms for incorporating wildlife habitat protection measures into local and state land use planning processes. The Commission may vote to take action on, or provide the Department direction on, items covered in the briefing.
9. **Presenter: Josh Avey, Habitat Branch Chief. A Presentation on the status and recent activities associated with the Department's Areas of Conservation Priority and future Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping efforts.** The Commission will be briefed on the status and recent activities associated with the Department's Areas of Conservation Priority and future Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping efforts. The presentation is for information only, no action will be taken by the Commission.
10. **Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

Lunch Break (Begins at 12:00 p.m.)

- 11. Presenter: Gene Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief. Hearings on License Revocations for Violation of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife at Time Certain 2:00 p.m.** The Commission will consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed below.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Conviction</u> |
|-------------------------|---|
| Mitchell, Michael | Count A: possession of unlawfully taken mule deer |
| Barrios, Jose | Count A: take over limit of game fish (18 trout) Count B: possess unlawfully taken game fish |
| Smith, Scott | Take over limit big or trophy game (antelope) and failure to purchase conservation stamp. |
| Finch, Destry | Count A: assist unlawful take of big game for monetary gain (f6) |
| Winters, Jason | Count A: ARS 17 309 (A.17), possess/ transport unlawfully taken white-tailed deer |
| Ortega-Casillas, Manuel | Count A: ARS 17 309 (A.17) possess/transport unlawfully taken white-tailed deer |
| Tinney, Shane | Count A: ARS 17 309 (A.15) take nine doves over bag limit (to wit: 19 total) Count B: ARS17-309 (A.20) no feathered wing attached to 17 doves. |
| Gessner, Kurt | Count A: take Javelina during closed season Count B: take Javelina during closed season |

- 12. Presenter: Larry D. Voyles, Director. Election of Positions and Appointments to Standing Committees.** The Commission will vote to elect a Commission Chair and Vice-Chair for 2009. The incoming Commission Chair will then appoint individual Commissioners to Chair the following standing committees through January 2010: Heritage Public Advisory Committee, Habitat Partnership Committee, Landowner-Lessee/Sportsman's Relations Committee, Wildlife Assets Committee, and Conservationist Committee. The Commission may also consider and vote to approve additional Commission Committee's as well as those listed.

- 13. Presenter: Mark Weise, Development Branch Chief. Request to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) With Arizona State Parks (ASP).** The Commission will be asked to vote to approve an MOU with Arizona State Parks, which will enable that agency's full participation under the Department's Federal Aid F-19-D Project (Arizona Boating Access Program).

ADDITIONAL ITEM

- 13.A. Presenter: Gary R. Hovatter, Deputy Director F.O.D./I.E.D. Process for Department Tracking of Commission Action Items.** In an effort to track Commission action items in a more efficient and effective manner, the Department has developed a more formal tracking system. Department staff will present their approaches and the new system to the Commission. The Commission may vote to approve or provide the Department direction regarding the item.
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- 14. Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the host. Unless prior approval has been granted by the Chairman, comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Commission. Any items requiring further discussion or action will be included on a future Commission meeting agenda.

- 15. Director's and Chairman's Reports.** The Director and the Chairman will report on Department and Commission activities since the last meeting. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

- 16. Commissioners' Reports.** The Commissioners will report on their activities since the last meeting related to Game and Fish Commission duties and responsibilities. This item will be informational only and no action will be taken at this meeting. If further discussion is necessary, those items requiring discussion may be placed on a future Commission meeting agenda.

- 17. Approval of Minutes and Signing of Minutes.** The Commission will be asked to approve the Commission meeting minutes from the November 6, 2008, November 7, 2008, and December 5-6, 2008, and if approved, the signing of the minutes from the November 6, 2008, November 7, 2008 and December 5-6, 2008.

- 18. Future Agenda Items and Action Items.**

Saturday, January 17, 2009, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Arizona Game and Fish Department 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086.
Meeting begins at 1:30 p.m.

The Commission will meet with its constituents to discuss items of interest. The following approximate agenda will be followed. No official action will be taken.

1:30 p.m. Chairman's Welcome & Commission Introductions
Director's Welcome
2008 *Year in Review* Video Presentation
Open Discussion – Questions & Answers

Saturday, January 17, 2009, Arizona Game and Fish Commission at the Four Points Sheraton, 10220 N. Metro Center Parkway East, Phoenix Arizona 85051.

5:30 p.m. Social Hour
7:00 p.m. Dinner
Chairman's Welcome
Awards Presentations
9:30 p.m. ADJOURN

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The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at Department offices. Commission agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order.

Background materials provided to Commission members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection at the main office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department at 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, at Department regional offices in Pinetop, Flagstaff, Kingman, Yuma, Tucson, Mesa and at the meetings.

During the public meeting, the Commission may afford any person, their duly authorized representative, or both, the opportunity to present statements relating to agenda items, with or without the opportunity to present them orally.

The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Commission Attorneys on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) & (4).

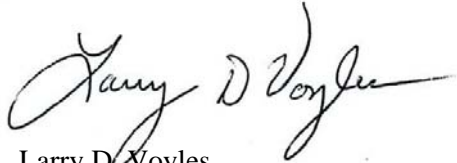
One or more members of the Commission may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language

interpreter, or this document in an alternative format, by contacting the AGFD Deputy Director, 5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, Arizona 85086, 602-942-3000. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is responsible for managing Arizona's fish and wildlife resource as an enduring public trust. In addition, the Department is charged with promoting safe and responsible use of watercraft and off-highway vehicles. Funding is provided from the sale of licenses and permits; watercraft registration fees; federal excise taxes on firearms, fishing equipment, boats, and other sporting goods; State lottery revenues; donations on State income tax forms; and various contracts and grants. Department policy is set by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, whose five members are appointed by the Governor.

“Managing Today for Wildlife Tomorrow”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry D. Voyles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "V".

Larry D. Voyles
Director